

Senate Bill 329

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Shafer of the 48th, Hudgens of the 47th and Rogers of the 21st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide that an insured under a group accident and sickness policy may include dependents up to age 25; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 33-30-4, relating to required provisions of group accident and sickness policies generally, as follows:

"(4) A provision that, with respect to termination of benefits for, or coverage of, any person who is a dependent child of an insured, the child shall continue to be insured up to and including age 25 so long as the coverage of the member continues in effect; and the child remains a dependent of the insured parent or guardian, and the child, in each calendar year since reaching any age specified for termination of benefits as a dependent, has been enrolled for five calendar months or more as a full-time student at a postsecondary institution of higher learning or, if not so enrolled, would have been eligible to be so enrolled and was prevented from being so enrolled due to illness or injury. This paragraph shall not apply to group policies under which an employer provides coverage for dependents of its employees and pays the entire cost of the coverage without any charge to the employee or dependents; and".

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (8) of subsection (b) of Code Section 33-30-6, relating to required provisions of blanket accident and sickness policies, as follows:

"(8) A provision that, with respect to termination of benefits for, or coverage of, any person who is a dependent child of an insured, the child shall continue to be insured up

26 to and including age 25 so long as the coverage of the insured parent or guardian
27 continues in effect; and the child remains a dependent of the parent or guardian, ~~and the~~
28 ~~child, in each calendar year since reaching any age specified for termination of benefits~~
29 ~~as a dependent, has been enrolled for five months or more as a full-time student at a~~
30 ~~postsecondary institution of higher learning or, if not so enrolled, would have been~~
31 ~~eligible to be so enrolled and was prevented from being so enrolled due to illness or~~
32 ~~injury."~~

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.